## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**United States Department of Transportation** Federal Highway Administration and

North Carolina Department of Transportation

US 1 from Sandhill Road (SR 1971) to Marston Road (SR 1001) **Richmond County** 

> Federal-Aid Project Number NHF-1(1) State Project No. 8.T580501 WBS No. 34437.1.1 T.I.P. Project R-2501

Documentation prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)

Gregory J. Thorpe, PhD, Manager

Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit

North Carolina Department of Transportation

larence W. Calerna,

\_John F. Sullivan, III, P.E.

**Division Administrator** 

Federal Highway Administration

The following persons may be contacted for additional information concerning the document:

John F. Sullivan III Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410 Raleigh, North Carolina 27601 (919) 856-4346

Gregory J. Thorpe, PhD, Manager Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit North Carolina Department of Transportation 1548 Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1548 (919) 707-6001

This report documents the need for transportation improvements along US 1 in Richmond County, North Carolina, and the planning process leading to the selection of the detailed study corridors. Existing and projected conditions in the study area are described and alternatives are evaluated in terms of environmental consequences. socioeconomic impacts, compatibility with local planning goals, and public opinion. A Draft Environmental Impact Statement was approved on June 30, 1999, and a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement was approved on April 27, 2001. These documents evaluated the No-Build and numerous Build Alternatives for the construction of a four-lane, controlled access bypass on a new location and the multi-lane widening of US 1 in the study area. All alternatives were evaluated with respect to costs, social and economic impacts and environmental consequences. A Preferred Alternative is designated.